Exhibit 24

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3	COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION	
4	x	
5	IN THE MATTER OF:	
6	RETAIL FOREX FRAUD	
7	x	
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9	140 Broadway New York, New York	
10	April 7, 2016	
11	9:44 a.m.	
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13	DEPOSITION of JOHN DITTAMI, the witness	
14	herein, taken by the Commodity Futures Trading	
15	Commission, pursuant to Agreement, held at the	
16	above-noted time and place, before a Notary Public	
17	of the State of New York.	
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1	John Dittami	
2	execution, the ultimate goal was to do trading	
3	that was to be both institutional up against	
4	institutional counterparts and retail counterparts	
5	to build distribution services, to build an entire	
6	institution for foreign exchange business.	
7	Q How long did you stay at FXCM?	
8	A We separated I believe March 23rd	
9	when I formed Effex Capital.	
10	Q When did you leave?	
11	A FXCM said that I was not allowed	
12	that I wouldn't be able to trade and be owned by	
13	FXCM, so we had to separate. FXCM said I couldn't	
14	trade there for regulatory reasons, they said	
15	and they said you have to separate into your own	
16	entity, you cannot trade and be part of FXCM.	
17	Q Who told you that you couldn't be	
18	part of FXCM?	
19	A It's a long time ago, it was	
20	probably William, it's probably William but it's a	
21	long time, William Ahdout, that's probably but	
22	it's a long time ago.	
23	Q What did William Ahdout tell you?	
24	A I'm sorry, probably also Ken	
25	Grossman.	

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                         John Dittami
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      consume at -- the consumer, I'm providing
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 3
      liquidity. Market taking is I am the consumer as
      opposed to the liquidity provider.
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 5
                   MR. DALY: Thank you.
      BY MR. ROMEU-MATTA:
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 7
                  Does Effex Capital have a business
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 8
      model?
                   We have a business model market
 9
10
      making and it's nothing formal but we -- yes.
                   That's what you've already described
11
12
      as market making and market taking?
13
            Α
                   Market making, yeah.
14
                   What entities does Effex Capital
15
      currently provide liquidity for?
16
            Α
                   FXCM, EDS, Hot Spot, Currenex,
      Reuters, R-e-u-t-e-r-s, Fast Match which is an
17
      FXCM entity, Fast Match, I'm sure there are
18
19
      others, I didn't get a list.
2.0
                  What financial institutions,
21
      exchanges or --
22
                   Within those there are end customers
23
      within these distribution accounts.
24
            0
                   What financial institutions,
      exchanges or ECMs does Effex Capital currently
25
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1	John Dittami	
2	to make money but it's a belief system, so it's a	
3	combination of people don't want to lose their	
4	jobs, people don't want to change, people are	
5	hesitant to work with a small non-bank and take	
6	pressure from the other banks, constantly take	
7	pressure.	
8	Q The fact that you Effex Capital was	
9	a non-bank was not an issue for FXCM?	
10	A No, and I think that's because I had	
11	started before the transition in an employee	
12	relationship, I think if I had not started in that	
13	relationship it probably would have been an issue	
14	for them.	
15	Q How did starting in a relationship	
16	with FXCM help them convince them that they	
17	could deal with a non-bank?	
18	A I think they figured out I was the	
19	real deal, I don't think they even thought that I	
20	would be able to make money on this. It's very	
21	uncommon, not a lot of people a very small	
22	amount of people succeed in trading ventures but	
23	those that do succeed in an outsized way.	
24	Q When Effex Capital was first	
25	organized what entities did it provide liquidity	

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                         John Dittami
      for?
 2
 3
                   When it was first organized it only
      provided liquidity to FXCM.
 4
 5
                   For how long?
                   Until we added Interbank. EBS, we
 6
 7
      were the designated market maker for the smallest
 8
      contracts for the largest Interbank in the world,
      that's EBS.
 9
10
                   When did that take place?
                   2010. I'm not going to get the date
11
12
      right but we were out trying to sell everyone as
13
      quick as possible. Gain Capital they wouldn't
      take it. EBS I think was the first and then
14
15
      Reuter's was the second, that was in 2010, both of
16
      those, then we were out hitting the street. I
17
      can't remember when we started pricing Alpari. We
      were very quickly on boarding.
18
19
                   So it changed over time?
            Q
20
            Α
                   It changed over time, yeah.
21
            Q
                   How did it change over time?
                   We've had, like I said, 170
22
23
      different connections over this these years.
24
                   When you say connections what do you
25
      mean?
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	CONFIDENTIAL	43
1	John Dittami	
2	A Streams, you know, to different	
3	ECNs, to end customers through an ECN, to big	
4	brokers, Alpari, Saxal Bank. Every competitor of	
5	FXCM we tried to sell our liquidity to.	
6	Q When Effex Capital was first	
7	organized what percentage of profits from derived	
8	from market making at FXCM?	
9	A A hundred percent on the first day.	
10	Q For how long?	
11	A Until we started trading EBS and	
12	Reuters, so sometime in a few months later,	
13	roughly in 2010, as soon as we started getting	
14	that trading going out of the ECNs. It would have	
15	been after July, it must have been 2010.	
16	Q Did the percentage of profits that	
17	Effex Capital derived from market making at FXCM	
18	change over time?	
19	A Yes, it fell. It fell for a long	
20	time until this year and then this year it rose	
21	because I changed my business model, I starting	
22	closing off a lot of streams to have less streams,	
23	started focusing on trading my props. It fell for	
24	a long, long, long time, just kept falling.	
25	Q When it was first organized who had	

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 1
                         John Dittami
                   William Ahdout.
 2
            Α
 3
            Q
                   Ahdout. What was your professional
      involvement with Drew Niv at the time that you met
 4
 5
      him?
 6
                   Didn't have any, just talking about
 7
      whether we'd become an employee.
 8
            Q
                  Did that change over time?
                   No, it's been professional, always
 9
10
      professional business relationship.
                  You said you mentioned
11
12
      William Ahdout?
13
            Α
                   Yes.
                   How do you know William Ahdout?
14
15
                   Through the introductions from Scott
      Silver initially is when I met William Ahdout.
16
                   He was introduced at the same time
17
            0
      as Drew Niv was introduced?
18
19
                   William Ahdout was introduced first.
            Α
20
            Q
                   You had conversations about your
      interests with William Ahdout?
21
22
                   Yeah, what can we do together, if
23
      anything.
24
            0
                   What did you say?
25
                   I basically said I think, you know,
            Α
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	CONFIDENTIAL	51
1	John Dittami	
2	I think you're getting terrible executions from	
3	the banks, I think they're horrendous, we all know	
4	this and I think you can do better, we fix	
5	execution, I think I have a modern framework for	
6	doing this, I think the banks are under valuing	
7	your flow, I think I can grow your institutional	
8	business, we can do all these things and do it in	
9	a way which I believe the world is changing to	
10	more, to more open, transparent and regulated and	
11	careful and, you know, people are going to start	
12	paying attention that their execution stinks and I	
13	can do this, I can build a business around all of	
14	these things.	
15	Q Let me see if I have an	
16	understanding. You were talking to William Ahdout	
17	and Drew Niv at the same time?	
18	A No, most of my conversations would	
19	have been with William until William would have	
20	brought me in to meet with Drew.	
21	Q What did William Ahdout say during	
22	your conversations?	
23	A We would have discussed a venture,	
24	negotiating what a venture would look like, et	
25	cetera.	

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1	John Dittami	
2	A I think it was the eleventh floor.	
3	Q How long did you stay at the	
4	eleventh floor?	
5	A Until we moved into our Jersey City	
6	office location. Again, I'm fuzzy on dates it's	
7	so long ago. I'll correct them and get you right	
8	dates but I think our move in date was April 2011	
9	or March 2011. We contracted the space the very	
10	first week of January 2011, started negotiating	
11	the space before that in 2010 but we can get you	
12	exact dates, I don't want to get them wrong but	
13	that was roughly.	
14	Q Are you familiar with the FXCM	
15	retail Forex business model that was in place	
16	between December 2010 and August 2014?	
17	A I'm familiar through interaction	
18	with FXCM.	
19	Q So you have an understanding	
20	A I have an understanding of it, yes.	
21	Q What is your understanding?	
22	A My understanding is that they're an	
23	agency model, they take liquidity providers prices	
24	and mark them up and that's how they earn their	
25	revenue through marking up the best price of the	

68 CONFIDENTIAL 1 John Dittami who I spoke to. I don't know what the formal 2 3 approval process is. Do you know why FXCM agreed to 4 Q 5 create EES? 6 Yeah, I mean, they were getting 7 horrendous fills which hurt their profitability, 8 they knew they had problems with liquidity. I think they felt I was a cheap way to get a highly 9 10 experienced employee. Looking with hindsight, I actually don't even think they expected me to make 11 12 any profits. I think they were looking at me as 13 someone with institutional knowledge that they don't have inside of a retail world, that knows 14 15 how to figure out what's going on, why they're getting bad executions from banks. I mean, that's 16 17 with hindsight, they wouldn't have told me that. Yeah, hindsight I think, I was like a free option 18 19 for them, cheap option for them to get value into 20 their entity that they didn't have. BY MR. DALY: 21 22 Mr. Dittami, you said, if I heard 23 you correctly, that it was FXCM's idea for you to 24 be an employee; is that correct? 25 Α Yes.

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1	John Dittami	
2	A No.	
3	Q Did there come a time when the EES	
4	Division was spun off from FXCM?	
5	A The EES Division was never spun off,	
6	the EES Division became I built Effex Capital	
7	which became the replacement as my independently	
8	own Effex Capital.	
9	Q So is it fair to say that there came	
10	a time when the EES Division ceased doing business	
11	at FXCM?	
12	A Yes.	
13	Q When was the EES Division when	
14	did the EES Division cease operations as a	
15	division of FXCM?	
16	A It would have been in between	
17	March 23rd Effex Capital was formed, so it would	
18	have been between that and I'm not sure how to	
19	draw the line but right in that March 2010 region,	
20	and the end of March 2010 region.	
21	Q Why did the EES Division cease doing	
22	business as a division of FXCM?	
23	A FXCM said that EES would not be able	
24	to trade as a part of FXCM, EES could not be	
25	connected could not be owned or operated by	

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                          John Dittami
 1
      Exhibit No. 9. Can you please review it and let
 2
 3
      me know when you're done.
                   (Witness perusing document.)
 4
                   Yes, I'm fine.
 5
 6
                   Before we go on to Exhibit No. 9
 7
      just backing up for a minute. I believe that you
 8
      stated that it was your understanding that your
      future relationship with FXCM would mirror the
 9
10
      employment agreement, is that a correct
      understanding?
11
12
            Α
                   That is correct.
13
            O
                   That would mean that in mirroring
14
      the employment agreement there would be a 70/30
15
      splint under the agreement?
16
                   It would be roughly approximate,
17
      yes.
                   Approximately 70/30 split; is that
18
            Q
19
      correct?
20
            Α
                   Yes. At the beginning, yes.
21
            Q
                   That would carry over into a
22
      services agreement; is that correct?
23
                   Well, the 70/30 split would not
24
      carry over into a services agreement. Ken
25
      Grossman said we would not have 70/30, this has to
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1	John Dittami	
2	be negotiated has to be per million. Ken Grossman	
3	was very clear that and I don't understand why	
4	he wanted the per million and that we would	
5	negotiate it over time.	
6	Q But the per million was essentially	
7	a 70/30 split?	
8	A Initially it was set to my	
9	estimation, yes, correct, 70/30 if my estimation	
10	as to what the income would be at that point in	
11	time.	
12	Q What was your estimation of the	
13	income at that point in time?	
14	A Given it was \$21 per million I was	
15	paying my estimate would have been \$30 per	
16	million.	
17	Q \$21 per million would go to FXCM and	
18	the remainder would go to Effex; is that correct?	
19	A That is correct.	
20	Q Taking a look at Exhibit No. 9 it	
21	appears that you, David Sassoon, William Ahdout	
22	and Kenneth Grossman had an earlier meeting; is	
23	that correct?	
24	A Yes, looks that way.	
25	Q Because the subject is recap	

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1	John Dittami	
2	Q Did you end up renegotiating fees?	
3	A Yes, we did.	
4	Q Why did you renegotiate the fees?	
5	A I felt that it was they were	
6	getting more value in our business relationship	
7	than I was getting, I renegotiated fees.	
8	Q They were getting a larger portion	
9	of the profits?	
10	A No, they were weren't getting a	
11	larger portion, I felt they didn't deserve a	
12	relevant portion they weren't getting a large	
13	it wasn't about a portion for me to negotiate	
14	fees, it's about I'm giving them they're asking	
15	for a lot of work, giving them a lot of service to	
16	them and, you know, I don't think the flows is	
17	valuable as it was, for some combination of	
18	business reasons I choose to negotiate it lower.	
19	Q Did anybody at FXCM tell you that	
20	there might be a need to adjust the \$21 per	
21	million?	
22	A FXCM would I would have gone to	
23	FXCM and said negotiate this lower.	
24	Q So it would have been you, it	
25	wouldn't have been FXCM?	

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                         John Dittami
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      have to know what my costs are, how much am I
 3
      servicing them, I mean, we know it's going to
      change.
 4
 5
            Q
                   It would be a renegotiation of the
 6
      profits?
 7
                   We knew there are going to be
            Α
 8
      renegotiations, yeah.
                   Of the profits split?
 9
10
                   Yes. 70/30 was an easy way to start
      but we knew there would be renegotiations.
11
12
            Q
                   When did that change, the profit
13
      split?
                   It changes nearly instantly. When
14
15
      is my thinking changing is really a better
      question. You know, sometime in early 2011 but,
16
      you know, I would internally account roughly as a
17
      70/30 but it wasn't 70/30, we had a right to
18
19
      negotiate right away so I guess we could
20
      renegotiate it.
      BY MR. DALY:
21
22
                   Mr. Dittami, you said just several
23
      times, we knew, can you define who the we is in
24
      this context?
25
                   It's clear FXCM and I know that this
            Α
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 1
                          John Dittami
      is a negotiation and they have their interest to
 2
 3
      get as high as possible and mine is just to get as
      low as possible.
 4
                   When you say FXCM, do you have
 5
      particular individuals at FXCM in mind?
 6
 7
                   William and Drew Niv.
            Α
 8
                   So the we you're referring to is
            O
      yourself, Willan and Drew?
 9
10
            Α
                   Yes.
                   MR. DALY: Thank you.
11
12
                   (Instant message communication
13
            marked Exhibit 15 for identification.)
      BY MR. ROMEU-MATTA:
14
15
                  Let me show you what I've marked as
      Exhibit 15. Please take a look at it and let me
16
17
      know when you're done reviewing it?
                   (Witness perusing document.)
18
19
                   Yes, I see it.
            Α
20
            0
                   Did you recognize Exhibit 15?
21
                   Looks like an instant message
            Α
      communication but no, I don't -- looks like some
22
23
      sort of instant message communication. Yes, it
24
      looks like an instant message communication.
25
                  Who is Joe Rosenfeld -- J.
            Q
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 1
                         John Dittami
 2
            Α
                   Yes.
 3
            Q
                   What is the meaning of rebates for
      FX trades in the context of this document?
 4
                   I think that's a bad nomenclature,
 5
 6
      but it's to refer to the $21 per million from the
 7
      services agreement contract.
 8
                   Is it a rebate or returning to FXCM
            0
 9
      Holdings part of the profits that Effex made in
10
      trades --
            Α
11
                   No.
12
                   -- in trades sent to Effex by FXCM,
13
      LLC?
14
                   MR. HENDERSON: Can you read that
15
            question back?
16
                   Was Effex rebating or returning to
      FXCM Holdings a part of the profits Effex made in
17
      trades sent to Effex by FXCM, LLC?
18
19
                 No, this is not a rebate of profits,
20
      this is a per million payment for the services
21
      agreement.
22
                   Turning your attention to rebate for
23
      FX trades, you're saying that that's a bad
24
      nomenclature?
25
            A It's a bad nomenclature.
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 1
                         John Dittami
 2
            Α
                   Yes.
 3
            Q
                   What is the meaning of rebates for
      FX trades in the context of this document?
 4
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 5
 6
      but it's to refer to the $21 per million from the
 7
      services agreement contract.
 8
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      Holdings part of the profits that Effex made in
 9
10
      trades --
            Α
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19
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20
      this is a per million payment for the services
21
      agreement.
22
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23
      FX trades, you're saying that that's a bad
24
      nomenclature?
25
            A It's a bad nomenclature.
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 1
                          John Dittami
 2
                   Who came up with that?
 3
            Α
                   Whoever created this invoice at
 4
      FXCM.
 5
                   What we have here is an invoice with
            Q
 6
      a profit and loss to FXCM Holdings and the invoice
 7
      is sent by FXCM, LLC to Effex Capital; is that
 8
      correct?
                   I believe the invoice was sent from
 9
10
      Effex Capital to FXCM.
11
                   Is that correct?
12
                   Could you read back his question
13
      from so that I can properly answer.
14
                    (Whereupon, the record was read as
15
            requested.)
                  Yes, the invoice is sent from Effex
16
17
      Capital.
                   Why was the payment remitted to FXCM
18
19
      Holdings and not FCM, LLC?
2.0
            Α
                   I don't know why it goes to
      Holdings, not LLC. I see FXCM, I don't know the
21
22
      difference, it's FXCM to me.
23
                   Was a fee per million selected so
24
      that it approximated the 70/30 split found in the
25
      profit agreement?
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165 CONFIDENTIAL 1 John Dittami expenses just under 2 MM, so 35.5 MM net income 2 3 for Effex, that's about 23 MM annualized bottom line for FXCM," close quotes. Do you see that? 4 5 Yes, I do. Can you tell us what you mean by 6 7 that statement? 8 I have in my head that's roughly Α about 70 percent of the net income after expenses, 9 10 so it's roughly about the 70/30 which is still in my head as a rough guideline. 11 12 Was it also a known to Drew Niv and 13 to William Ahdout that the 70/30 percent split was 14 being used as a general guideline? 15 They knew it was used as a general 16 guideline although Ken Grossman, you know, it's 17 hard because our general guide for employment contracts Ken Grossman would regularly and 18 19 consistently -- not necessarily Drew, he would 20 regularly and consistently have to remind us, you 21 guys are per million, you're per million. 22 Why was he doing that, do you know? 23 I don't know, he said it's per 24 million but in our heads from this transition it's still in our heads that's roughly at this very 25

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1	John Dittami	
2	A The eleventh, I think it was the	
3	eleventh floor.	
4	Q You only moved to the eleventh floor	
5	but you didn't move to any other floors; is that	
6	correct?	
7	A That's correct.	
8	Q So it was around the time when Effex	
9	became organized as an LLC that you actually were	
10	moved to the Plaza 5 address?	
11	A No, there was I was used their	
12	office space I moved to Plaza 5 office space	
13	March 1st, April 1st, something like that, I can	
14	get you the exact dates of 2011. I didn't have	
15	office space when Effex was formed.	
16	Q Which was 2010, correct?	
17	A Which is 2010, yes. So there's that	
18	window of time where I was using their office	
19	space.	
20	Q So after it's formation how long did	
21	Effex continue to operate out of FXCM offices?	
22	A Until the day that I moved to	
23	until we moved into our new offices in Jersey City	
24	in 2011.	
25	Q Do you recall a date?	

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 1
                         John Dittami
 2
                   April 1st but it may have been March
 3
      1st, it's March or April 2011. I remember the
      date was secured, the office space was January but
 4
      I don't remember the date they gave us a move in
 5
 6
      date, whenever the lease started. We can get
 7
      that.
                   (E-mail dated 4/9/11 marked Exhibit
 8
            19 for identification.)
 9
10
                   Let me show you what I marked as
      Exhibit No. 19. Please take a look at it and let
11
12
      me know when you're done looking at it. This is
13
      an e-mail dated April 9, 2011 from you to Drew
      Niv, Evan Milazzo and William Ahdout and an
14
15
      attachment captioned Effex Weekly Update, April 2,
      2011 - April 9, 2011.
16
                   (Witness perusing document.)
17
                   I've had time to review it, yes.
18
            Α
19
                   Do you recognize Exhibit 19?
            Q
20
            Α
                   Yes.
21
            Q
                   What is it?
                   It's a weekly update from April 2,
22
23
      2011, April 9, 2011, would have been for FXCM from
24
      myself or Chris Meyer and myself combined would
25
      have written it.
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                         John Dittami
 1
      that isn't their business.
 2
 3
                   Does Exhibit 22 refresh your
      recollection that you continued to use FXCM's
 4
 5
      instant messenger service until at least August
      31, 2011?
 6
 7
            Α
                  Yes, that sounds --
 8
                   Do you know to what date Effex
            Q
      Capital employees continued to use FXCM's instant
 9
10
      messenger?
11
                   I don't know to what date they
12
      continued to.
13
                  Do you know what year?
14
                   I don't know what year. I believe
15
      it would have been past 2011 though. I believe it
      would have been 2012 but I don't know what year.
16
17
            0
                   When Effex Capital was formed how
      was it capitalized?
18
19
                   How was it capitalized. Well, with
20
      my personal funds, John Dittami personal funds,
21
      the only owner, et cetera there. The trading
22
      margin which is not Effex Capital, the trading --
23
      getting a line to do trading was through that
24
      Effex prime account, that's my line to do trading
25
      but that's not my capital.
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1	John Dittami	
2	Q How much was that line?	
3	A That was the \$2 million and, again,	
4	I don't know if it's an accounting entry or real	
5	entry, I don't understand in the FXCM systems but	
6	the funds to run the business are my personal	
7	funds.	
8	Q When it started operations did Effex	
9	Capital have it's own prime brokerage account?	
10	A When it started business it had a	
11	prime brokerage account that was a prime FXCM	
12	prime and instantly we started setting up the	
13	instant process and going through the negotiations	
14	with Citi by mid or July, I'm estimating roughly	
15	in July we had our own prime brokerage account	
16	with Citi. Before that we had a prime brokerage	
17	of prime account through FXCM and then we went to	
18	a finished our credit review, finished all of	
19	our paperwork with Citi and had a full on, full	
20	fledged tier one prime by July 2010. We no longer	
21	needed a prime of prime brokerage middleman.	
22	(E-mail dated 7/26/10 marked Exhibit	
23	23 for identification.)	
24	Q Let me show you what I've marked as	
25	Exhibit No. 23. It's an e-mail dated July 26,	

290 CONFIDENTIAL John Dittami 1 2 cleaner separation of entities if anyone comes 3 sniffing, less resources from internal to support us as we see fit into big picture of all 4 providers, greater control on our end to implement 5 6 solutions quickly, and we're hired to extremely 7 senior pros specializing in the language we are 8 built on so like them handling this and we will be expanding where we do business outside of just 9 10 FXCM flow, so I need to start becoming self sufficient," do you see that language? 11 12 Α Yes, I do. 13 O What did you mean? 14 I want to get as close to 15 independent as quickly, looking and feeling -we're independent now as entities, how let's get 16 17 -- let's make sure everything is as independent as it can be. Any differences between us and other 18 19 banks, the differences don't make P&L differences, 20 so if there's anything just get rid of them, keep clean, we are clean, look clean, feel clean, be 21 22 clean and I want to run around being, listen, I 23 want to go compete with you guys. 24 Everything we do and we did do, it took time, but continue to grow Effex was now an 25

313 CONFIDENTIAL John Dittami 1 2 customer stuff, I clearly understand that Drew is 3 always, you know, talk to Drew, Drew's interest and FXCM's interests is not for me to have --4 their interest is, don't reject deals, because they don't get markup otherwise, they're interest 6 7 is in a high market which is five times bigger, 8 more than that, than my payment. I understand that their interest is 9 10 customers trade more because -- sloppy, yeah. The 11 answer iis we just never did that, you know, I'm 12 brain dumping here on this paper like to do often, 13 I would have understood he wouldn't want that. 14 Just to be clear, he doesn't say 15 that anywhere in his response to you, correct? No he doesn't say that in the 16 17 response here. It's hard to recall 2010 but to do 18 that it's going to be saying, you know, if you had 19 a dealing desk, if I'm guessing -- Im reading my 20 rambling response, perhaps you can make more money 21 with a dealing desk. 22 But I understood in truth that's --23 to our retail business that's not what Drew's --24 he's constantly saying, what do you need to make your business better that doesn't harm customers, 25

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1	John Dittami	
2	what do you don't need to make your business	
3	better that doesn't harm customers, what do you	
4	need to make your business better that doesn't	
5	harm customers, were in business together we're	
6	not going to say no to anything as long as it	
7	doesn't do us business harm or customers harm,	
8	that's the truth, motus operandi constantly.	
9	Q Could I have the exhibit back.	
10	(Handing.)	
11	(E-mail chain dated 9/8/10 marked	
12	Exhibit 31 for identification.)	
13	Q Let me show you what's been marked	
14	as Exhibit 31. Let me know when you're done	
15	reading Exhibit 31. It's an e-mail chain dated	
16	September 8, 2010 from you to Darren Merwitz.	
17	(Witness perusing document.)	
18	A Okay.	
19	Q There's an e-mail from Darren	
20	Merwitz to you in the middle of the page dated	
21	September 8, 2010 at 3:28:59, do you see that?	
22	A Yes, I do.	
23	Q Bringing your attention to the	
24	bottom of the e-mail there is a caption called	
25	Client Positioning do you see that?	

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2	COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION	
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4	IN THE MATTER OF:	
5	RETAIL FOREX FRAUD	
6	x	
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8	140 Broadway New York, New York	
9	April 8, 2016	
10	9:51 a.m.	
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12	CONTINUED DEPOSITION of JOHN DITTAMI, the	
13	witness herein, taken by the Commodity Futures	
14	Trading Commission, pursuant to Agreement, held at	
15	the above-noted time and place, before a Notary	
16	Public of the State of New York.	
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1	John Dittami	
2	Q You were looking to, I guess,	
3	improve Effex's overall position vis a vis FXCM in	
4	terms of the profit split; is that correct?	
5	A It wasn't the profit split, I'm	
6	trying to negotiate my per millions lower to make	
7	more money for Effex.	
8	Q So Effex can retain a larger portion	
9	of its profits?	
LO	A That's correct, yeah. While	
L1	maintaining safety, balancing not getting another	
L2	competitor to come in bouncing them, I'm not	
L3	trying to decide to do it themselves, balancing	
L4	all those risks.	
L5	Q Based on that last round of	
L6	negotiations, do you recall what percentage of	
L7	Effex's P&L was going to FXCM at this point?	
L8	A Don't recall exactly but far less	
L9	than 70. I mean, I continued negotiating,	
20	continued gaining strength and negotiation power,	
21	so at this point I don't know, I'm going to guess	
22	well, first of all, I have to actually say	
23	there's P&L related to FXCM, P&L related to all	
24	sorts of other trading I do, so that's the first	
25	thing, so I can't really separate.	

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1	John Dittami	
2	Securities and Exchange Commission?	
3	A When I look at their financials I	
4	see a disclosure, we pay for flow to certain	
5	liquidity providers, I always assumed that was me.	
6	BY MR. DALY:	
7	Q Are you aware of any other liquidity	
8	providers paying for flow?	
9	A I'm aware of other liquidity	
10	providers definitely pay for flow.	
11	Q Let me withdraw the question. Pay	
12	for flow to FXCM?	
13	A I think at one time BNP paid for	
14	flow but I don't think it was for U.S. retail	
15	flow.	
16	Q When you say at one time, do you	
17	have a specific time period in mind, ballpark?	
18	A About 2010ish, but I don't think	
19	that was for retail flow, I don't think that was	
20	for U.S. flow.	
21	Q We're talking about paying for flow,	
22	we're talking about the payments you described as	
23	part of the licensing agreement, correct?	
24	A Correct, yes. I wouldn't know what	
25	agreements they had or what they would be. They	